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element and the adapter element respectively have flanges that include elements for being sutured together with the recipient organ or the implant.

REMARKS:

- 1) The original specification was a literal translation of the PCT International Application. The specification has now been amended for better conformance with typical U. S. format. All of the amendments are supported by the substance and the context of the original disclosure, and no new matter has been added. A marked-up version of the amended portions of the specification is enclosed. Please enter these amendments.
- 2) The literally translated PCT claims 1 to 8 have been replaced by new claims 9 to 31, which have been drafted "from the ground up" in consideration of typical U. S. form, style and practice. The new claims 9 to 31 are based on the features of the original claims and the original description, and do not include any new matter. Examination of the present U. S. National Phase Application is to proceed on the basis of the new claims 9 to 31.
- 3) Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 9 to 31 are respectfully requested.

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